

Table 8
Enrollment: Selected Simplified Procedures in Medicaid for Parents,
with Comparisons to Children
January 2008

Program		Family Application†	No Face-to-Face Interview	No Asset Test¹ (or limit for family of 3)
Total	Aligned Medicaid for Children and Separate SCHIP *	28	46	46
	Total Medicaid for Parents (51)**		40	22
Alabama ²	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Alaska ³	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$2,000)
Arizona ⁴	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Arkansas ^{5/6}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$1,000)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
California ⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,150)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,150)
Colorado	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Connecticut	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Delaware	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
District of Columbia	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Florida ⁸	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)
Georgia ⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$1,000)
Hawaii	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,250)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,250)
Idaho ⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$1,000)

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Illinois	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Indiana ^{7/9}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$1,000)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Iowa ^{5/7/10}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Kansas ¹¹	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Kentucky	Medicaid for Children	Y		Y
	Separate SCHIP			Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$2,000)
Louisiana	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Maine ¹²	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)
Maryland	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$3,100)
Massachusetts	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Michigan	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,000)
Minnesota	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$20,000)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$20,000)
Mississippi	Medicaid for Children	Y		Y
	Separate SCHIP			Y
	Medicaid for Parents			Y
Missouri ¹³	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Montana ¹⁴	Medicaid for Children		Y	(\$15,000)
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,000)
Nebraska	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$6,000)
Nevada ⁵	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)
New Hampshire	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$1,000)

Program		Family Application+	No Face-to-Face Interview	No Asset Test ¹ (or limit for family of 3)
New Jersey	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
New Mexico ^{5/15}	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
New York ¹⁶	Medicaid for Children	Y		Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$6,600)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents			(\$19,800)
North Carolina ⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,000)
North Dakota	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Ohio	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Oklahoma ^{5/7}	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Oregon	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	(\$10,000)
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,500)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)
Pennsylvania ¹⁷	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Coverage for Parents		Y	Y
Rhode Island ¹⁸	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
South Carolina ⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	(\$30,000)
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$30,000)
South Dakota ⁷	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)
Tennessee ¹⁹	Medicaid for Children	Y		Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$2,000)
Texas ²⁰	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	(\$2,000)
	Separate SCHIP		Y	(\$10,000)
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$2,000)
Utah ^{5/21}	Medicaid for Children			(\$3,025)
	Separate SCHIP			Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$3,025)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Vermont ²²	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$3,150)
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y

Program		Family Application†	No Face-to-Face Interview	No Asset Test ¹ (or limit for family of 3)
Virginia	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Washington ²³	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	(\$1,000)
	Expanded Coverage for Parents		Y	Y
West Virginia	Medicaid for Children		Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents			(\$1,000)
Wisconsin	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
	Expanded Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y
Wyoming	Medicaid for Children	Y	Y	Y
	Separate SCHIP		Y	Y
	Medicaid for Parents		Y	Y

SOURCE: Based on a national survey conducted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, 2008.

† Indicates that a state has simplified one or more of its procedures for parents between July 2006 and July 2007, unless noted otherwise.

— Indicates that a state has rescinded one or more simplified procedures for parents between July 2006 and July 2007, unless noted otherwise.

* “Aligned Medicaid for Children and Separate SCHIP” indicates the number of states that have adopted a particular enrollment simplification strategy and have applied the procedure to both their children’s Medicaid and their SCHIP-funded separate program. States that have used SCHIP funds to expand Medicaid exclusively are considered “aligned” if the simplified procedure applies to children in the “regular” Medicaid program and the SCHIP-funded Medicaid expansion program. “Regular” Medicaid refers to coverage under Medicaid eligibility standards for children in place prior to SCHIP; states receive “regular” Medicaid matching payments as opposed to enhanced SCHIP matching payments for these children.

** “Total Medicaid for Parents” indicates the number of states that have adopted a particular enrollment simplification strategy and have applied the procedure to both pre-expansion Medicaid for parents and expanded coverage for parents, if the state has expanded coverage for parents. All 50 states and the District of Columbia operate a Medicaid program for parents. Fifteen states and the District of Columbia have expanded Medicaid coverage for parents up to 100 percent of the federal poverty line or higher.

† This column indicates whether the simplest application that can be used to apply for children’s coverage can also be used to apply for coverage for parents. In states with “family” applications, parents are not required to complete additional forms or provide additional information to obtain coverage for themselves and the family application can be used to apply for all parents and children, whether they are eligible for Medicaid or a separate SCHIP program.

Table presents rules in effect as of July 2007, unless noted otherwise.

1. In states with asset limits, the limit noted is for a family of three.
2. In **Alabama**, a telephone interview is required for Medicaid.
3. In **Alaska**, the asset limit for parents is \$3,000 if the household includes a person age 60 or older.
4. In **Arizona**, parents who apply for Medicaid using the SCHIP paper or electronic application do not have to do a face-to-face interview.
5. In these states, “Expanded Medicaid for Parents” refers to coverage established through waivers. The coverage offered generally provides fewer benefits and has higher cost-sharing than allowed in Medicaid.

6. In **Arkansas**, county offices have the option of requiring either a face-to-face or telephone interview for Medicaid. Applicants who have had an active Medicaid case within the past year are not required to do an interview. The joint Medicaid/SCHIP application in **Arkansas** has a place for parents to indicate they are interested in health coverage for themselves. Parents that indicate an interest in coverage for themselves are required to complete a separate Medicaid application.
7. In **California, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and South Dakota**, the same simplified application can be used to apply for coverage for children and parents. However, parents must complete additional forms or take additional steps (such as to provide information on assets or absent parents) prior to an eligibility determination for themselves.
8. In **Florida**, families that submit applications that don't appear to be prone to error or fraud, known as "green track" applications, are not required to do an interview.
9. In **Indiana**, a telephone interview will meet the interview requirement if the parent is applying for Medicaid only.
10. In **Iowa**, the face-to-face interview requirement was eliminated in August 2007. The waiver program for parents requires a separate application.
11. In **Kansas**, there is no asset limit for parents unless there is a trust involved. Trusts are evaluated on a case by case basis and if countable, there is a limit of \$2,000 for one person or \$3,000 for a family of two or more.
12. **Maine's** asset rules exempt \$8,000 for an individual and \$12,000 for a household of 2 or more in certain savings, including retirement savings.
13. In **Missouri**, children in families with income above 150 percent of the federal poverty line are subject to a "net worth" test of \$250,000.
14. In **Montana**, there is a Medicaid-only application that can be used for children and parents.
15. In **New Mexico**, there is a single application that can be used to apply for Medicaid for children and parents. The state's waiver coverage for parents has its own application.
16. In **New York**, there are two applications families may use to apply for health coverage for their children, one of which can also be used to apply for parents. A contact with a community-based "facilitated enroller" will meet the Medicaid face-to-face interview requirement.
17. **Pennsylvania** uses Medicaid and SCHIP applications that solicit "common data elements" in collecting information for Medicaid and SCHIP, thus making Medicaid and SCHIP applications interchangeable. **Pennsylvania's** expanded coverage for parents is state-funded.
18. **Rhode Island** has adopted a \$10,000 asset limit for children and parents, however no implementation date has been set.
19. In **Tennessee**, a face-to-face or telephone interview is required.
20. In **Texas**, the SCHIP asset test only applies to families with income above 150 percent of the federal poverty line. **Texas** increased its asset limit in September 2007.
21. In **Utah**, a face-to-face or telephone interview is required for Medicaid. **Utah** counts assets in determining Medicaid eligibility for children age 6 and older.
22. In **Vermont**, there are two applications families may use to apply for health coverage for their children, one of which can also be used to apply for parents. The state has an asset test for children's Medicaid and SCHIP, however if the countable assets exceed the asset limit the children are eligible under the 1115 waiver, which has no asset test.
23. In **Washington**, expanded coverage for parents is state-funded.